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1. WE ASSUME PROGRAM PROPOSED REFTTEL WOULD SUPPLEMENT PRESENT IREX PROGRAM, UNDER WHICH EIGHT AMERICANS ATTEND ANNUAL SUMMER SLAVONIC STUDIES SEMINAR IN SOFIA. MOST DESIRABLE PROCEDURE WOULD APPEAR TO BE SIMPLY INCREASE IREX PROGRAM BY TEN MAN-MONTHS, THUS MEETING CU AND EMBASSY OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING TO MINIMUM BUREAUCRATIC GROWTH FOR INCREASED PROGRAMMING UNDER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

2. THIS ALSO WOULD MEET BULGARIAN DESIRES FOR INCREASED IREX PROGRAM. AS NEGOTIATING QUID PRO QUO, WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO ATTEMPTING LIMIT NUMBER OF MAN-MONTHS DEVOTED TO TECHNICAL, NATURAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, TO FIFTY PER CENT, VICE PRESENT SIXTY. THIS STILL WOULD PERMIT MODEST INCREASE IN SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL EXCHANGES, WHICH BULGARIANS WANT.

3. ASSUMING THIS RECOMMENDATION IS FOLLOWED, WE SEE NO NEED FOR CONRAD/AUGEROT VISIT. NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE HANDLED BY MAIL BETWEEN IREX AND COMMITTEE, WITH OWEMBASSY EXPRESSING USG SUPPORT TO COMMITTEE.

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PROGRAM DOCUMENT FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF CCTERGOVERNMENTAL

CULTURAL AGREEMENT, WE SEE NO VALUE (BUT ALSO NO REASON TO OBJECT) TO DESIGNATING PROPOSED PROGRAM AS FULBRIGHT-HAYS.

5. IF PROPOSED PROGRAM WOULD BE FOR ENTIRELY NEW SUMMER COURSE, ALONG LINES AUGEROT HAS PROPOSED PRIVATELY TO COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNICAL PROGRESS AND HIGHER EDUCATION, WE SEE MUCH LESS CHANCE OF SUCCESS. POPOV HAS TOLD AUGEROT COSTS WOULD BE VERY HIGH.

6. IF PROPOSED PROGRAM WOULD REPLACE PRESENT IREX PROGRAM, WE WOULD OPPOSE IT.
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